



25/02/2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another busy half term. We are looking forward to sharing with you how the children are progressing this term with an open morning 8.30 – 9.00 on Tuesday 1st March, parents evening on 23rd March and 30th March and we will be issuing pupil reports on 18th March.

We have some really great events planned in Science, Drama and English with Yellow Brick road, Professor Bubble Works and poet Matt Goodfellow visiting school. We are also really pleased that we are continuing to run dance workshops with the ever popular Mrs Bullen.

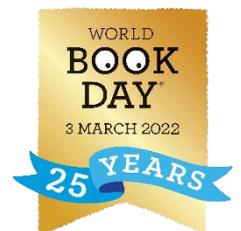
We look forward to the children being able to take part in more sports competitions. These are still being organised at short notice as society continues to open up so please bear with us, we will give you as much notice as we can of planned events. This week it was 2GJ's turn to visit a local mosque as part of their RE learning. They had a fantastic time!

Fairtrade Fortnight

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid. We will be discussing this important issue with the children in class.

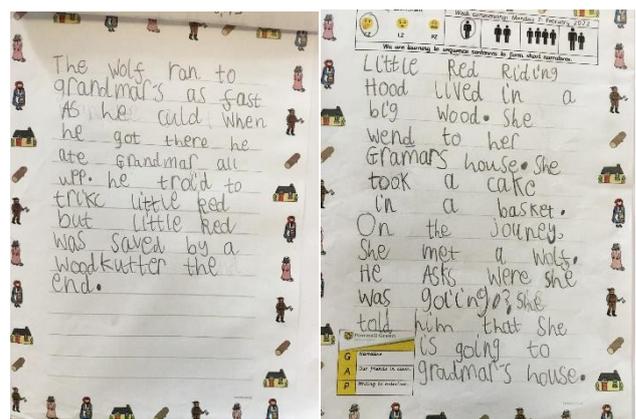
World Book Day Thursday 3rd March – Upcoming Event

This is the 25th year of world book day and we will again be joining in celebrating reading on this day. This year children have a choice of dressing up as their favourite book character or dressing up in their PJs for a 'Bedtime Story' theme. Please can children bring a copy of their favourite book for 'Drop Everything and Read' on that day.



Writer of the Week

Our writer of the week this week is Edie from 1FP. Edie loves to write and this week really amazed us all with her writing when retelling Little Red Riding Hood. We were so impressed by her spelling and handwriting. Edie is currently working on her own retelling of Encanto, which the class can't wait to hear. Well done to our budding author!



School Uniform

During Covid-19 we were very flexible with uniform as we understood that there were difficulties receiving new orders and getting to shops. As we are getting back in to more normal times, we would like to return to ensuring that all children wear their full school uniform. This includes black school shoes and appropriate school coloured hair bobbles and bands.

Please see the link to the website: <https://pownallgreen.co.uk/school-uniform> If you have any problems with uniform please get in touch, we do have clean second hand uniform that has been donated to the school.

Personal belonging

Please can we encourage children not to bring in personal belongings, unless they have been asked by a teacher or a member of staff for a specific activity such as 'show and tell'. Children get very upset when they get lost.

Safeguarding and WhatsApp

Mobile phones are a great way to stay in touch with family and friends, however, children can sometimes lack the maturity to use them appropriately which can lead to a number of issues that may affect their wellbeing.

Although WhatsApp is a great way to communicate across networks for free, it does so with a health warning. Children can create groups with whomever they have in their contacts. However, as soon as they create these groups, they are sharing other children's mobile phone numbers with everyone in the group, instantly. This means that children may have their number shared with someone they did not want it to go to. Also, when something is shared, e.g. a photograph, everyone has it instantly and they can then pass it on if they want to. So, what may have started out as being shared with three people, inside five moves, can be shared with 243 people. For more information, click below.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/whatsapp-messenger>

To help protect and keeping your children safe, here are some top tips.

- Link their phone to your phone so that apps can only be download with your permission. Apple phones can do this through their family sharing facility and with Android, you can download apps like Family Link to link your phones.
- Make sure that any social media account your child has is completely private, and that no one can see their page without permission. Encourage your child to only accept people they know.
- Turn off the location sharing ability that most apps have.
- Regularly check the content of any chat groups/social media apps your child has, and check what they have been viewing.
- Leave mobile phones downstairs at bedtime.
- Be 'in the know'. There are some great websites out there like Common Sense Media that are very informative. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org>
- Finally, communication is key. When your child gets a new phone, sit down with them, explain that it's not a toy and talk to them about some of the issues they might face. Remind them that they should always discuss any concerns they have with a trusted adult and never share anything that is inappropriate or could hurt someone.

PTA Easter Egg Hunt 31st March

We are pleased that we will be able to run the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Cost is £2.50 per child and the hunt is also open to younger siblings of children at Pownall. If you want to take part please pay on Pay360 (or send cash in a named envelope to the office). Please sign up by Weds 23rd March so the PTA can ensure sufficient prizes. Limited walk ups will be available but please pay in advance to guarantee your place. Parents are responsible for children at the event but children who are at PG club that afternoon will be able to take part supervised by club staff.

Children will receive a chocolate Easter Egg prize on completion of an activity sheet. If your child will be taking part but has dietary requirements (e.g. dairy free) please email admin@pownallgreen.stockport.sch.uk by Wednesday 23rd March.



We hope you have received your inaugural PTA newsletter. Thank you to our new chairs Louise and Andy.

New School Meal Menu

We are pleased to introduce our new Spring Menu. Please can you complete the online form using this link by 01/03/2022 to select meal choices: <https://forms.gle/ZF57jDUNX3LhG7P88>

We will confirm the start date for the new menu in the newsletter.

School Meal Payments

School Meals are charged at £2.25 per day, £11.25 each week, due on a Monday. If you would like to pay in full for this term the amount is £67.50.

If you would like to opt in/out of school meals, please can you email admin@pownallgreen.stockport.sch.uk . We require 1 full weeks' notice to alter arrangements.

Community Events

We know our children love football and are so pleased that we have such a thriving football extracurricular programme in school. Please see the attached flyer for information about another local football opportunity with Mountfield rovers.

Covid-19 Update

Please see the below information that has been sent to school regarding changes to testing and self isolation

Prime Minister's announcement on the Living with COVID-19 plan

This week, the Prime Minister has set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response '[Living with COVID-19](#)'. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains.

Further information on what this means for education and childcare is below.

Changes to testing in education and childcare settings and children's social care services

From today, Monday 21 February, the Government is removing the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.

Given we now know that the risks of severe illness from COVID-19 in most children and most fully vaccinated adults are very low, and our successful vaccination programme has achieved a high rate of take-up, we can remove this advice, bringing education into line with wider society.

The education testing delivery channels will remain open so that staff and students of secondary age and above can access tests if needed to respond to local public health advice, in particular in relation to outbreaks.

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End self-isolation support payments, national funding for practical support and the medicine delivery service will no longer be available.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.
- End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.

More detail can be found in the [Living with COVID-19](#) plan

Diary Dates

Please note that events below are still subject to change dependant on Covid prevalence in our area. We very much hope we are able to run all the events below.

1.3.22	Open morning for existing parents- 8.30 – 9.00
3.3.22	World Book Day
8.3.22	Poet Visit to school
23.3.22	Parents evening 3.30 – 6.30 (Virtual)
30.3.22	Parents evening 5.00 – 8.00 (Virtual)
31.3.22	PTA Easter Egg Hunt (after school)
23.4.22	PTA Ball
9.7.22	PTA Summer Fair

Mrs J Kersh



Headteacher

Golden Book For Week Ending 25/2/22

- REW Aiden H is our Golden Child this week. Aiden has worked so hard with all of his learning and amazed us with the work he has produced. Well done Aiden, we are very proud of you!
- RHW Theo R - Theo has a fantastic attitude to learning! He loves finding out about the world around him and talks enthusiastically about lots of facts he has learnt. We were very impressed with the Star Wars Quiz Book he wrote at home and brought in to share with us! Some great spelling and great questions Theo!
- 1FP The whole of 1FP
1FP had excellent enthusiasm and listening during our trip to St Michael's Church this week. Well done 1FP, you were excellent role models and represented Pownall Green brilliantly!
- 1HH Alim B: I have been amazed by Alim's behaviour this week! He has listened well, made sensible and mature choices and worked extremely hard to sew his puppet in this week's D&T lesson. Well done!
- 2FN Emily W for being such a fantastic self- manager all of the time. You are always keen to do your best Emily and are brilliant at using the different resources around the classroom if you need any help. You are incredibly helpful to me in the classroom and you keep us all tidy and in order. Thank you Emily!
- 2GJ This week for "Golden Child" the whole of 2GJ have been nominated because on our trip to the mosque every single child was a good "self manager." Behaviour was excellent, they all listened well and asked thoughtful and relevant questions to further their understanding of Islam, as well as demonstrating their prior learning. They showed respect and good manners to the volunteers at the mosque as well as the parent helpers who came along with us. 2GJ you are excellent role models! Well done!
- 3NS Erin G has been an absolute superstar this week. She has thought carefully about her newspaper report and thought carefully about what she should be writing. The headline grabbed my attention and made me want to read it. Well done!
- 3SP Amelie W - you shine in our French sessions and I think your pronunciation of words is amazing! You have also written excellent sentences in French this week linked to musical instruments - tres bien!
- 4BK Conor T consistently gives 100% to his learning and is a pleasure to teach! He follows all the Golden Rules and has worked incredibly hard in our maths lessons this week on fractions - what a superstar!
- 4MV Terry S, you are the golden child this week because you are an excellent role model in our class. I have been so impressed with your focus and commitment to improving in all subjects- Well done!
- 5BC Golden child this week is Sophie M for an amazing piece of writing about whether the Earth is flat or spherical. Sophie was a creative thinker and included all of the relevant evidence but in her own personal style. It was brilliant!
- 5DC Georgina H is the golden child for 5DC. She is a pleasure to have in the class and I love the enthusiasm she has for her learning. During our class discussions she will often share knowledge with the class that she has discovered herself which shows her dedication.
- 6DK Hattie L is this week's golden child for always being a happy and friendly member of the class. She is growing in confidence and is becoming more responsible and reliable all the time. Well done Hattie!
- 6VL Winnie F has put 100% into her maths learning since starting Year 6. It has been lovely to watch her confidence grow week on week and see her tackling challenging problems. Well done Winnie!